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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **COMPOSITE MATRICES WITH INTERSTITIAL POLYMER NETWORKS**, the specification of which was filed on 03/14/01 as Application Serial No. 09/808,732.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

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Prior Foreign Application(s) Priority Claimed

(Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed) Yes No

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